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The examiner indicated that the reply filed on March 14, 2007 is not fully responsive because it fails to include a complete or accurate record of the March 13, 2007 interview.

The record of the interview is hereby provided as follows:

- The Applicant conducted an interview with the Examiner on March 13, 2007.
- The Examiner acknowledged that the format of the claims is now correct.
- During the interview, the Examiner recommended that the Applicant review patents from companies such as Microsoft and Intel in order to improve the style used for the claims of the present of the present application. The applicant has done this.
- Further, the Examiner acknowledged that the Tanaka patent (used as prior art to reject most of the claims of the present application in previous office actions) does not disclose many of the aspects of the Applicant's invention. The Examiner said the application would be reviewed for scratch.

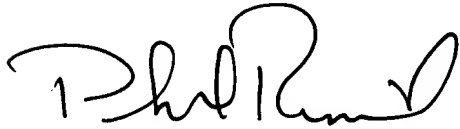
The Examiner also indicated the reply filed on March 14, 2007 is not fully responsive because it did not show how the amended claims avoid the references and rejections applied on the previously rejected claims. The Applicant makes the following additional statements:

- Problems with the claim format in the previous office action were addressed. The 'system' claims 1-11 were changed to use 'means for' instead of 'step of'. Claims

12-18 were changed to use 'method' instead of 'system'. This change addresses item 7 from the most recent office action.

- Punctuation was adjusted to address item 6 from the most recent office action.
- Claim 1 and claim 12 was modified for a number of reasons. First, the text in some claim elements was rearranged to make the claim language less passive and more active. Second, claim elements were made less ambiguous by specifying the reason for or the end result of the step. These changes help the claim elements link better to proceeding claim elements. One motivation for this change was from a comment made by the Examiner's supervisor (as told by the Examiner to the Applicant during the March 13, 2007 phone interview).
- Claim 8 was modified to make the claim elements less ambiguous by specifying the reason for or the end result of the step.
- Claim 14 was modified for the same reasons as claim 1 and claim 12. The word 'volatile' was also added to highlight the time dependent nature of the image transfer process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Romanik', written in a cursive style.

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